

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

October 2, 2003

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AUDIO-CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Voting Members Present

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia, Chair
Councilmember Harry Baldwin
Councilmember Ron Bates
Councilmember Lou Bone
Councilmember Art Brown
Supervisor Yvonne Burke
Mayor Lawrence Dale
Vice Mayor Gene Daniels
Councilmember Judy Dunlap
Defenbaugh, C. Joy
Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung
Mayor Richard Dixon
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger
Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog
Councilmember Herrera, M. Carol
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs
Councilmember Tim Keenan
Councilmember Bonnie C. Lowenthal
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe
Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Marshall
Supervisor Judy Mikels
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Miller
Councilmember Llewellyn C. Miller
Mayor Gary Ovitt
Councilmember Greg Pettis
Councilmember Will C. Pieper
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway

Representing

City of Grand Terrace
City of San Gabriel
City of Los Alamitos
City of Tustin
City of Buena Park
County of Los Angeles
City of Barstow
City of Paramount
City of Inglewood
City of Riverside
City of Laguna Niguel
City of Lake Forest
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG
City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG
Diamond Bar
City of El Segundo
City of Cypress, Orange County COG
City of Long Beach
City of Hemet, RCTC
City of Buena Park, Orange County COG
County of Ventura
City of Corona
City of Claremont
City of Ontario
Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Newport Beach

Councilmember Ron Roberts,
Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Smyth
Mayor Pro Tem David A. Spence

Councilmember Dick Stanford
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Sykes
Councilmember Paul Talbot
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga

City of Temecula, WRCOG
City Santa Clarita, North LA County
City of La Canada Flintridge,
Arroyo Verdugo Cities
City of Azusa
City of Walnut
City of Alhambra
City of Pasadena
City of Long Beach

Voting Members Absent

Supervisor Paul Biane
Mayor George Cole
Councilmember Chavez Richard
Mayor Bill Davis
Mayor Pro Tem John R. Fasana
Councilmember Eric Garcetti
Councilmember Gary, George
Mayor Larry Grogan
Councilmember Keith McCarthy
Councilmember Millhouse Keith
Councilmember Nate Holden
Councilmember Robert Hunter
Councilmember Al Leiga
Councilmember Mark Nuaimi
Councilmember Nick Pacheco
Councilmember Proo Bea
Councilmember Pam O'Connor
Councilmember Reinhardt Jeffrey
Councilmember Dennis Zine
Councilmember Linda Wilson

Representing

County of San Bernardino
City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG
City of Anaheim
City of Simi Valley, VCTC
City of Duarte, SGVCOG
City of Los Angeles
City of Redlands
City of El Centro, IVAG
City of Downy
City of Moorpark
City of Los Angeles
City of Victorville
City of Claremont, San Gabriel Valley COG
City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC
City of Los Angeles
City of Pico Rivera
City of Santa Monica
City of Las Virgenes/Malibu
City of Los Angeles
City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present

Rose Casey

Representing

Caltrans, Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent

Board Member
Rotating Board Member

Representing

California, DOT
Air Resources Board

Transportation Commissions – Vacant

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

New Members

Greg Smith
Glen Becerra

City of Los Angeles
Simi Valley City

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Ann Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were three requests for public comments on Action Item 4.1. Chair Garcia deferred the comments to the start of the action item.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 September 4, 2003 Meeting Minutes

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Clearinghouse Report
Attachment

3.2.2 SCAG Legislative Matrix
Attachment

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Destination 2030: SCAG's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

The item began with three public comments. A public comment was made by Mr. Jim Stewart, Southern California Council of Environment. Mr. Stewart discussed how the combination of well-targeted transportation investments and good land use planning can produce astounding results. He called upon the committee to work hard to ensure implementation of the proposed plan. Mr. Stewart also stated that if there is no implementation plan associated with the proposed land use, it will be very unlikely that the federal government will approve the plan.

He also spoke on the behalf of the community, claiming to stand ready to adopt the kind of implementation plans that will make SCAG the leader in land use planning in the nation. Mr. Stewart went on to acknowledge that he is aware of the concerns of Hasan Ikhrata, Director of Planning and Policy, regarding the shortcomings of the plan, such as air quality challenges and how it affects the region. Lastly, Mr. Stewart pleaded for more emphasis on transit, as well as getting the state and federal governments to mandate cleaner vehicles.

A public comment was made by Mr. Denny Zane, representing the city of El Segundo. Mr. Zane stated he is pleased with the response of SCAG and the SCAG staff in development of the 2004 RTP. He believes that we are headed in the right and a common direction that will provide for a truly regional airport system with economic benefits, as well as congestion and air quality relief. Mr. Zane also informed the committee of some concerns in an earlier draft about the level of unconstrained demands that was being projected.

A public comment was made by Mr. Miles Mitchell, City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation. Mr. Mitchell stated that the City of Los Angeles supports the release of the Draft RTP, however the City is not necessarily endorsing all the provision in the RTP and that the city reserves the right to critique some of the elements of the plan through the public review and comment process.

Mr. Mitchell's concerns are with the planned growth throughout the region with regards to household population, employment and subregion by subregion. He stated that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, as well as Caltrans and Metrolink, have concerns with the deployment of MAGLEV on the proposed initial operating segment. Mr. Mitchell was asked by the committee to give further details of his concerns regarding the RTP Draft but he indicated that he was not prepared to provide any further details at this time.

Next, Mr. Tarek Hatata, RTP consultant from System Metrics Group, presented an overview of the Draft 2004 RTP and asked the committee for approval to release the document for public review and comments. Mr. Hatata stated that the RTP focuses on the integration of the regional growth vision into our transportation planning efforts. The plan's development has entailed analyzing numerous growth scenarios approved by CEHD in May of this year for further evaluation, leading to the proposed strategy that will be documented in the Draft 2004 RTP.

Mr. Hatata discussed the RTP's innovative finance strategy, which includes future increases in the motor vehicle fuel tax, the continuation of local transportation sales taxes, and revenue-backed project financing, on

top of traditional local, state, and federal funding sources. This overall strategy will provide the region with over \$36 billion in funding through 2030. The finance strategy will support a comprehensive package of regional transportation improvements that will address demand management, system management, strategic system expansion, and transportation-land use strategies.

Mr. Hatata presented the performance analysis of the Draft RTP, in comparison to the base year or current conditions, and in comparison to a future baseline scenario in which no RTP is implemented. The results showed that the overall Draft RTP strategy will generally help the region's transportation system maintain its current level of performance. The results also suggested that not implementing the RTP would result in significant declines in mobility for the region.

Finally, Mr. Hatata discussed the implementation and monitoring steps for the RTP, which include efforts to secure funding, integrate land use policies, and monitor the project implementation and performance of the RTP.

Comments/Questions by the Committee

A question was raised whether the 170 Million Annual Passengers (MAPs) of regional aviation demand projected for 2030 was too high. Supervisor Judy Mikels, Chair of the Aviation Task Force, stated that the figure was probably too low.

Councilmember, Gary Ovitt made comments regarding the MagLev line connecting Orange County to Ontario. He reminded the committee of the Cal-Nevada Line and that there was a vote of support by the Regional Council that it be reflected in the plan. Mr. Ovitt stated that this is an important component in order to reach the 30 MAPs in Ontario, especially as far as ground access is concerned.

Mayor Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forest, reminded the committee that the Regional Council has not approved Operation Jump Start.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to release the Draft 2004 RTP for public review and comments, with the caveat that Operation Jump Start initiatives proposed in the plan have not been approved by the Regional Council and it should be clearly noted in the draft RTP as such. The motion was carried with one opposition by Council Member Defenbaugh.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 STATUS OF 1-710 GAP TUNNEL PROPOSAL

Councilmember Ron Bates, City of Los Alamitos, reported that the MAGLEV committee looked at the Southern Line going from LAX down through Orange County along the same right way of corridor as the 405 freeway. The demand is huge in terms of performance, and it may be one of the highest performing line in the system. Secondly, the committee did express some concerns on the initial operating segment in terms of the lack of progress in the formation of the JPA.

**8.0 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES COALITION
(RTAC) MEETING**

It was reported that the RTAC approved supporting release of the draft 2004 RTP.

9.0 CHAIR REPORT

10.0 STAFF REPORT
No Report

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.0 ECONOMIC SUMMIT

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hasan Ikhata", written over a horizontal line.

Hasan Ikhata, Director